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In re Application of: Hans-Joachim Barth, *et al.*

Serial No. 10/698,057

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 11, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration in light of the following:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.